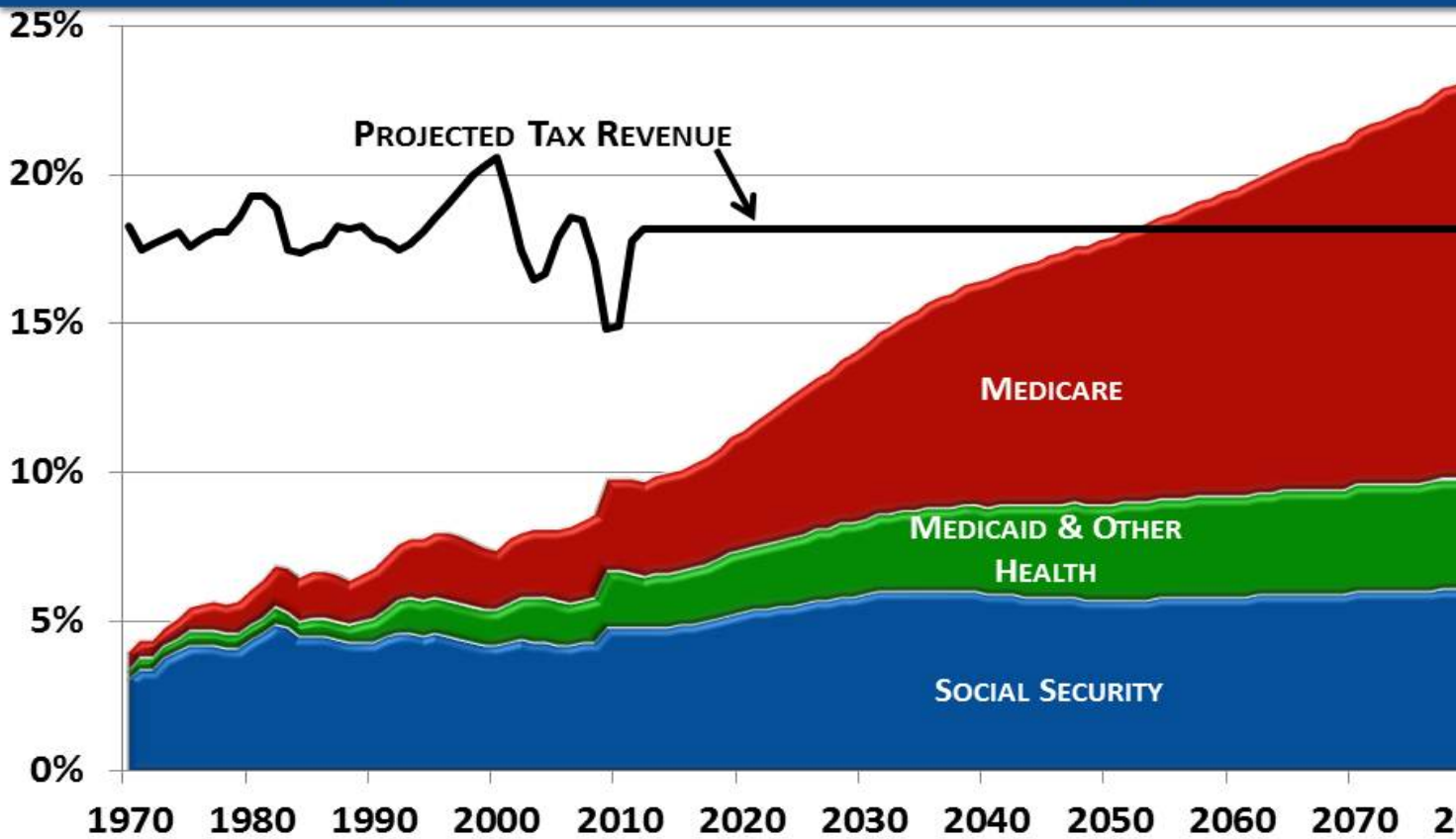


The size of the national debt is a serious long-term threat to the health of the U.S. economy and to the standard of living that our children and grandchildren can expect. The national debt now stands at more than \$14 trillion, which translates to a burden of some \$44,000 for each American citizen. At projected spending rates, the debt could balloon to more than \$20 trillion by 2020. The recent path where we have seen massive spending on the failed stimulus, a government takeover of health care, and unrestrained entitlement programs is unsustainable. The consequences for the American people will be crushing taxes, higher interest rates, fewer jobs, and more vulnerability to foreign creditors.



WHAT DRIVES OUR DEBT?

(GOVERNMENT SPENDING AS SHARE OF ECONOMY)



SOURCE: CBO

The explosive growth of Medicare and Medicaid approaches the explosive growth expected at the end of the 20th century by the Social Security Administration.

Category	Percentage
Medicare	~90%
Medicaid	~90%
All Other U.S. Health Care	~40%

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